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1. Siemering - Graz - Pauker, A.G., Paukerwerke, Siemenstrasse 89, Vienna XXI.

Clearing work is in progress in this factory. In two large halls production has already started on lathes, boilers, and the manufacture of cars (unidentified). There is no mass production because the Russians have removed certain parts of the plant installations. The factory is not under Russian control.

2. Hofherr - Schranz - Clayton - Shuttleworth, Schuttleworthstrasse 8, Vienna XXI.

The Glaid (sic) - Shuttleworth works have combined with Hofherr - Schranz, and this is now a completely Russian concern. The former produces agricultural machinery of all kinds and the latter mainly threshing machinery. Since work was commenced, 200 threshing machines have been manufactured. In addition to several Russian head engineers, the manager of the works, Schneider, a Communist, is an important figure. Employees receive additional rations which, however, are decreasing in quantity. The production of tobacco-cutting and tobacco-processing machinery of all kinds is to be started as soon as possible. Exportation will be partly to Russia.

3. A.E.G. Union, Elektrizitätsgesellschaft, Pirquetgasse 1, Vienna XXI, Strasse der roten Armee, Vienna XXI, (Formerly Kleinmotoren factory, now a warehouse).

The A.E.G. manufactures electric motors of all kinds and sizes. At present it is moving into the warehouse in the Strasse der roten Armee. Part of the production goes to Russia. Negotiations are being carried on as to whether the works are to be nationalized or to be taken over by the Russians. At present the works are under Russian control. Some of the machinery was removed by the Russians immediately after the occupation.

4. Siemens - Schuckertwerke.

a. Siemensstrasse, Vienna XXI.

This plant is occupied by the Russians, who shipped some of the machinery to Russia and are now bringing it back. Shortly before the entry of the Allies into their Vienna occupation zones, between 300 and 400 carloads of machinery were taken out of Floridsdorf. At the moment the Russians are making every effort to bring back all this machinery in order to be able to start more intensive production. The plant is engaged in mass production of electric engines; work is conducted under the strict supervision of Russian engineers.

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Employees receive additional rations. A dwindling number of them are Communists; the majority are SP. The entire production is shipped by rail to Russia.

b. Engerthstrasse, Vienna IX.

The plant is under Russian control. A Russian major and lieutenant of the Engineers supervise the entire factory; however, the Austrian engineers have a free hand. Russian capital is financing the reconstruction. At the moment, parts for switchboards, electric motors, cookers, and flat irons are being produced at the rate of 400 - 500 parts per month; the output is to be considerably increased by the end of 1946. The shortage of materials is causing difficulties. The employees are friendly towards the Russians, because in this plant the Russians do not impose their own ideas but leave the technical management in the hands of the Austrians.

5. Rug Factories in the Vienna Basin.

The factories in southern Lower Austria are all Russian-occupied. Fifty percent of the rug production in this area goes to the black market; the remainder is sent to Russia.

6. Nibelungenwerke, St. Valentin.

A former tank factory for the production of Tiger and Panther tanks. The present production consists of tractors and agricultural machinery of all kinds. There is no mass production and the output is not large. As soon as mass production begins, a certain percentage, which has not yet been determined, will be delivered to the Russians. In addition, horse-drawn vehicles and other important agricultural machinery (not specifically described) are being manufactured. The plant is to be taken over by the Russians in the near future. In the interim, a provisional Austrian - Russian management is operating the factory. Employees will number between 4,000 and 5,000 as soon as the Russians take over the plant. Some of the workers are radically anti-Russian, in spite of attempts by the Russians to win them over with additional rations. The raw materials used are mostly war materials of the former German Army.

7. Gebrüder Schmidt, G.m.b.H. Farben und Lackwerke, Wienerstrasse 95, Vienna-Atzgersdorf.

Under Russian supervision and direction, this former German factory produces paint and varnish. Additional rations are provided for the employees every two weeks. The Russians have promised to pay higher wages but, so far, have not fulfilled their promise. So far there has been no production for the Russian occupation forces and Russia, and only former purchasers are being supplied for Austrian requirements. The works management is not in sympathy with the Russians since the Russians fail to cooperate in organizing the plant and in operating it according to a work schedule.

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